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a kind of expenditure, the kind of government boondoggle, a kind of beauracracy that the American public is absolutely saying, please, please, please elected officials no more...please don't help us any more. And here we're committing the same ills that we're all very quick to condemn the federal people for doing, in fact, we're even doing it in a worse manner I think than a federal program. This is a piece of legislation that absolutely this A bill right here should be stopped and it's a piece of legislation that should not see the light of day, so I very, very strongly urge you to take a look at that A bill and if you have your files and if you have last year's bill book, take a look at the fiscal note last year that Mr. Peters prepared, and compare it with the fiscal note this year that Mr. Herrington prepared. Now I'm sure that there is going to be some kind of new revised, enlightened projection that Mr. Herrington is going to be able to trot in the floor, but now you only have two out of three, and out of the three two say, high cost, high expenditure, high administrative costs, no results, and we may be able to find one person, one place, one time, one shot that says differently, but I think the proof is in the numbers. I think the proof is in the track record of bureaucracy getting involved in areas where it shouldn't. I don't think we want to put this added burden, this added tax on business in the state of Nebraska, and I think right now is the time to stop this ill-conceived expenditure of \$413,000.

PPRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I just want to say this about Senator Dworak's remarks, I just agree with everything he said. However, one little problem, the whole tax system that we originally...we're going to base this on, had the high cost because of computers. Friday afternoon a group met with Fred Herrington, the Tax Commissioner. They worked out a completely separate system that he feels would work better, that the industry feels would work, and it goes something like this, you use an occupation tax once a year. You have minimal cost on the computer using it that way and instead of costing the astronomical numbers that Senator Dworak has cited, it will cost a fraction of that amount, \$115,000 the first year for the whole package, about \$40,000 each additional year. Now that's the reason we passed over 120 this morning because working with the Tax Commissioner that amendment is being prepared for 120, which is already on its way. However, 120A has to move off of General File today as we all know to be in the running. So I urge you to move 120A with the understanding